

Build Indiana Funds benefit Crown Point



Mayor James Metros,
Fire Chief John Gettler and
Rep. Robert D. Kuzman

As your State Representative, I have worked to secure funds to benefit Crown Point.

Recently, I had the pleasure of presenting a Build Indiana check to the Crown Point Fire Department for *\$100,250*



The new ambulance will benefit many members of our community.

Kuzman voted for over \$880 million in tax cuts

The 1999 biennial state budget provides over \$880 million in savings for Indiana taxpayers. I have detailed some of the tax cuts below.

- **Homeowners:** Property taxes on a taxpayer's principal place of residence can be deducted up to \$2,500.
- **Senior citizens:** The income tax deduction for most seniors was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Each qualified taxpayer may take this deduction — meaning married couples may now deduct \$3,000 from their adjusted gross income. Many seniors also received an increase in the property tax deduction from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- **Dependent children:** The income tax deduction was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for dependent children under age 19 and full-time students under age 24.
- **Renters:** The renters' income tax deduction was increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000.
- **Small businesses:** Businesses will no longer have to "add-back" property taxes deducted on their federal returns.

Crown Point funding

Schools -- Crown Point Schools received a **5.4 percent increase** in funding in 2000 and a **6.1 percent increase** in 2001.

Roads -- Crown Point has received **\$798,314** to improve local roads since 1997. Lake County received **\$3.21 million** during that same time period for county roads.



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